

HOUSE RESOLUTION 275

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the pastor and congregation of Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church upon their 135th Anniversary and Homecoming.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations who, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, strive to enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church comprise one such congregation, and they are celebrating the church's 135 years of service to the Lord and the greater Nashville community this year; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church is, "to manifest the Lord Jesus Christ in our lives individually and collectively, and seek to bring others into a personal dynamic relationship with Him by ministering to the whole man"; and

WHEREAS, the many active members of Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church believe in "taking it to the streets," and are devoted to reaching out and glorifying God by meeting the needs of the people in their community; and

WHEREAS, evincing a great commitment to mission work, Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church serves Christ with more than twenty local outreach ministries, including a Parenting Resource Center; a Willing Workers class; a yearly Christmas Basket and Clothing Give-Away; a College Outreach program; an Evangelism Ministry; and the Shalom Community; and

WHEREAS, ever in service to their Lord, the congregation of Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church works to provide social and economic justice to underprivileged families by

making regular financial contributions to Adopt-A-School and Adopt-A-Street, the American Baptist College, Room-In-The-Inn, the Prison Project, and the Benevolence Ministry for individuals and families in need; and

WHEREAS, serving as a testament to their tireless commitment to Christian service, in 2003, the Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church organized a non-profit ministry, known as the Mount Nebo Baptist Community Development Corporation, for the purpose of community economic development and addressing social concerns relating to senior citizens and youth; and

WHEREAS, combating the barriers of race and economic class, the Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church joins hands with Nashville churches, neighborhood associations, and other religious groups in Tying Nashville Together (TNT), a grassroots organization working to address social concerns citywide and hold elected officials accountable; and

WHEREAS, Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church has stood on the rock-solid foundation of Christian belief, service, and love for 135 years, serving as a bastion of faith and outreach to the people of Nashville and Davidson County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate and commend the pastor and congregation of Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church upon the celebration of their 135th anniversary, and thank the members of this estimable congregation for their faithful service to God, their community, and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.